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TWO ARE BURNED IN GARAGE FIRE

Injuries Received by Oscar Benedict Following Explosion at Clement's Garage Causes Death at Hospital

HEAVY LOSS OF PROPERTY

Building and Automobiles Badly Damaged by Fire Which Followed the Blast

Oscar Benedict, well known resident of the town of Linwood, died at St. Michael's hospital in this city shortly after 9 o'clock Monday evening as the result of burns suffered in an explosion of acetylene gas at the garage of Arthur J. Clements, North Second street, at 3 o'clock Monday afternoon. Mr. Clements, the proprietor of the garage, was also burned, but will recover.

Clothing In Flames
The explosion, which was heard all about the neighborhood, was of acetylene gas, used in a welding machine which the two men were operating. Immediately after the blast Mr. Clements, his clothing enveloped in flames, ran out of the garage and to fire station No. 1, across the street. There chemicals were turned upon him and the fire in his clothing extinguished. In the meantime Benedict was in the building, his clothing also a mass of flames. He was apparently bewildered and it was only after S. H. Wozalla of the Wozalla Publishing company, whose offices are next door, went inside the garage and called to him that he was able to make his way out. Mr. Wozalla and others then put out the flames which he carried with him in his clothing by using chemicals and water.

Automobiles Damaged
Both companies of the fire department were soon on the scene, but the flames spread rapidly. About 10 automobiles which were in the garage were more or less damaged and the building itself, a frame structure with metal roof, was left partly in ruins. The household goods of Mr. and Mrs. Clements, who had been living in rooms in the front part of the building, were practically all removed to safety.

The fire was still raging at 4 o'clock, although apparently under control.

WILCOX CANDIDATE FOR GOVERNORSHIP

State Senator From Eau Claire Tosses His Hat Into Ring —Will Not Represent Any Faction

Eau Claire, Wis., April 19—State Senator Roy P. Wilcox today announced himself a candidate for the republican nomination for governor.

"Demand for a new deal in Wisconsin politics has grown constantly more evident," he said. "It has been repeatedly pointed out that the republican party of this state must get rid of the spirit of factionalism. Many requests have come to me from men representing all shades of politics to become a non-factional candidate."

NO DECISION GIVEN ON DRY AMENDMENT

Supreme Court Will Not Announce Verdict in Wet and Dry Issue Before Monday or Next Week

Washington, April 19—No decision on constitutional prohibition was announced today by the supreme court. Next Monday is the earliest date on which a final decree on the question can be made public.

DE PERE MAIL CARRIER KILLED IN AUTO PLUNGE
De Pere, Wis., April 19—William A. Coon, rural mail carrier, was killed last night when his automobile ran over a high culvert. Two small children with him escaped, uninjured. The lights of his automobile went out when he was near town.

AGED INDIAN IS DEAD

TYPHOID TRACED TO IMPURE MILK

Abner Nash, Familiar Figure in Central Wisconsin, Dies Near Grand Rapids

Abner Nash, said to have been the most widely traveled Wisconsin Winnebago Indian and who had been an occasional visitor to Portage County, is dead. His death occurred on a farm near Grand Rapids and was caused by pneumonia.

Nash is known to have been more than 95 years old, but no one, not even himself, knew his exact age. Until the last two years he spent much of his time traveling throughout the northwest. Following the Civil war he was one of 200 Indians to settle on a tract of land in Monroe county.

Nash's death occurred in a teepee, to which he was removed, in accordance with the old Indian custom, after he became critically ill. He was buried beside his squaw, He-non-na, eldest daughter of Blue Wing, last tribal chief of the Monroe county band.

PITY POOR TURKEY NOBODY LOVES HER

Ottoman Representative at Meeting in Italy Says Whole Work Is Prejudiced Against His Nation

San Remo, Italy, April 18—Every one of Wilson's principles have been violated in the allies' treaty of peace with Turkey, Calib Cemay Bey, Turkish representative, stated today. When asked whether the terms of the treaty had been communicated to him, he said "Not officially. The peace conference considers that superfluous. The treaty is essentially a finished product. It aims to surround Turkey. But what use is it to talk? Our fate was decided in London. The whole world is prejudiced against Turkey."

KEEP MEXICANS OUT TEXAS TELLS COLBY

Lone Star State Files Formal Protest Against Allowing Carranza to Transport Soldiers Through State

Austin, Tex., April 19—Texas today voiced its formal protest against any contemplated movement of Mexican troops through its territory. Governor Hobby telegraphed Secretary of State Colby that Texas is unalterably opposed to any such movement.

MOOSE LEGION FROLIC HELD AT EAU CLAIRE

Twenty-five Stevens Point men attended a quarterly Moose Legion frolic at Eau Claire Sunday. The meetings were held in the afternoon and evening in the Moose hall, with a banquet at 6 o'clock. Addresses were given by Deputy Regent Gernathy of Milwaukee and D. V. Hart of Wausau.

Twenty candidates were initiated, these including residents of Stevens Point and Eau Claire. The next Legion frolic will be held in Stevens Point on Sunday, June 27.

BOUGHT BIGELOW PLACE

M. L. Hite, for several years the proprietor of a meat market at Roskolt and who has also devoted a good part of his time to the buying of livestock throughout the county, is about to move his family to this city. Mr. Hite purchased the Geo. W. Bigelow residence property at 1001 Main street, corner of Phillips, at a price of \$3,500. Except for furnace, the house is moderately equipped, of ample size and very desirably located. Mr. and Mrs. Hite have two daughters, one of whom is married and the other will attend the High school.

LAFOLLETTE TAKING REST PREPARES FOR OPERATION

Madison, April 19—Announcement was made at the office of Senator La Follette this morning that the senator would not leave for Rochester, Minn., until the latter part of the week. He is resting at his farm. The senator will submit to an operation at Rochester for removal of gall stones, from which he has been a sufferer for several years.

MINNEAPOLIS BANK ROBBED BY DAYLIGHT BANDITS

Minneapolis, April 19—Four men robbed the Fidelity State bank of \$3,000 in cash and \$10,000 worth of Liberty bonds shortly before 10 o'clock today. They escaped in a large touring car.

PLAY AT PLAINFIELD

Disease With Which Five Members of Reading Family Are Afflicted Communicated from Neighbors, Is Belief

"The Treasure Hunters," high school play presented here recently, was produced again at Plainfield Saturday night to a crowded house. It was put on by 50 members of the Glee club under direction of Miss Edna V. Becker. The Plainfield people enjoyed the musical comedy greatly and were liberal in their applause.

Between acts the Community club spill artists, C. S. Cook, Fred Oster, Otto Vierlet and Leander Van Heck, put on their classy tumbling act. Little Thora Hogan appeared in Scottish songs and dances and Miss Louise Sovey in a solo dance.

Following the entertainment the floor was cleared and the visitors and Plainfield people danced until midnight.

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FOUR WATER TESTS ARE PURE

Milk Purchased from Family Previously Stricken Thought to Have Contained Bacteria

Investigation to determine the origin of the typhoid fever with which Mrs. George Reading and four sons are afflicted at their home at 1003 Normal avenue, shows that the disease was apparently contracted from another family in the same neighborhood and through milk purchased from that family, according to the report of Dr. F. A. Southwick, city health officer.

Samples of water were taken from wells at the Reading home and at the residence of Theodore Lukaszewicz, both on Normal avenue, as well as a third sample from the city water system, and all were sent to Madison for analysis by Dr. Southwick, who has just received a report from that city.

FIND WATER PURE

In each case the water was found to be free from typhoid fever bacteria.

Water taken from the Reading well was also tested in the Normal school laboratory in this city and the same conclusion reached.

FAMILY SOLD MILK

Two members of the Lukaszewicz family, the mother and one son, were afflicted with typhoid fever before the several members of the Reading family were stricken. The former family had been selling milk to the latter up to the time Mrs. Lukaszewicz and son were taken sick with typhoid fever, leading to the belief that the disease was communicated in this way.

ANALYSIS ORDERED

An analysis of the milk sold by the Lukaszewicz family is being made by Dr. F. A. Southwick.

NO IMPROVEMENT

The condition of Mrs. Reading and four sons remains grave, no change having been reported over Sunday.

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Wisconsin Crop Reporting Service

Says Indications Are That

Less Land Will Be Planted to Potatoes

Farmers in the commercial potato districts of Wisconsin intend to plant but 96 per cent of last year's acreage, according to reports received by the Wisconsin crop service. High prices of seed, coupled with the new soaring price of labor have tended to decrease the yearly acreage, Mr. Becker says.

In many localities, says the report, farmers sold themselves short of seed earlier in the season, expecting to buy potatoes back at a cheaper rate for this spring. Through the commercial districts the supply of seed potatoes is said to be approximately 98.5 per cent of the 1920 planting.

The estimated car lots of potatoes in the various districts according to the crop service estimates are as follows: Northern district, 90; northeast district, 145; Barron-Eau Claire district, 400; Clark-Marathon, 115; Jackson-Monroe, 5; Waupaca-Porcupine, 430; Green Bay, 80; Juneau-Columbia, 35, and Fond du Lac, 10.

GIDDINGS TAKES POSITION AT NIAGARA FALLS, N.Y.

G. L. Giddings, formerly manager of the local plant of the Consolidated Water Power & Paper company, and who moved from here to Appleton several months ago, has taken a new and responsible position at Niagara Falls, N.Y. The Kimberly-Clark Paper company has a paper mill at Niagara Falls and is also interested with the Thimby Paper company in new converting plant there. Mr. Giddings, who is an expert in the converting end of the paper industry, is to have the management of the new converting plant.

STOLE BONDED WHISKEY

Fourteen Pint Bottles Taken from Rapids Express Office

Fourteen pints of bonded whiskey were stolen from the office of the American Railway Express company at Grand Rapids Friday night when thieves broke into the building some time after 11 o'clock, broke open a case which contained the wet goods and left the building through a rear door. John Jaroski, one of the drivers of the express company, confessed the theft of the liquor to Chief of Police R. S. Payne Saturday afternoon. He implicated another driver, but the latter was not taken into custody. The amount was consigned to a Grand Rapids druggist.

GREAT BRITAIN'S DEBT IS MATERIALLY REDUCED

London, April 19—Great Britain's floating debt on March 31 was \$1,512,206 pounds, a decrease of 100,000,000 pounds in a year. Austin Chamberlain, Chancellor of the exchequer, told the House of Commons today in presenting the new budget bill.

CLIMBING THE GREASED POLE

High School Students of Stevens Point Present "Treasure Hunters" to a Full House

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Property Values and Rents

It is explained, logically enough, that in raising rents no landlord ought to expect a higher rate of profit than he made before the present period of inflation. If, in normal times, he made 6 or 8 or 10 per cent net income from property valued at a certain amount of money, he ought not to expect any higher percentage of profit on the present valuation. If his property value has doubled, the man may reasonably expect, when rents become properly adjusted, to make twice as much a year out of his property, as measured in dollars. The rate per cent, however, remains the same. It is, or should be, the one definite, dependable factor in the problem.

No landlord, surely, can be blamed if he brings his rents, by fair degrees into harmony with the new price-level according to this system. It is what every other economic group has done, or tried to do, including labor. Properly accomplished, it enables the landlord who is dependent on his rents to meet living expenses as workmen do by having their wages re-adjusted. It fits in both with the moral law and the economic law.

There is another factor, however, that confuses this apparently simple problem. It is the speculation that is going on in real estate, by which profiteers take advantage of the abnormal scarcity of homes and office quarters to bid up values to unnatural levels. In doing so they consider not the logical rise in value that may be expected of any piece of property in agreement with general price levels, but rather how much rent they can force tenants to pay.

If a house or apartment or office has been bringing \$30 a month, and the speculator thinks he can get \$100 a month for it, he may offer for the property three times its old value, trusting to his profligacy to make good the new valuation. And then, in turn, another profiteer may go him one better. Some properties have been sold several times in the last year or two, with a new increase imposed on the tenant every time the property changed hands.

In this situation, how is any definite standard of fair rental going to be established? And yet there has to be some standard established, in justice to renters and also for the good of the real estate business itself.

Campaign Funds

There is already a legal limit set to political campaign expenditures in most of the states, and a publicity requirement for expenses incurred in national elections. The proposal to limit and banish candidates' pre-convention expenses in presidential elections is something new. A bill for that purpose has been introduced by Senator Borah, and there is much discussion of the subject as a result of accusations of extravagant expenditure on the part of some candidates.

It will probably be hard to get any considerable number of citizens to agree as to how much money may be legitimately spent in obtaining the nomination for the presidency or any other office. Standards change, population grows, the value of the dollar shrinks. That it may cost half a million or a million dollars to line up enough public sentiment and enough delegations' votes for the success of any particular candidate may be lamentable, but it does not mean what it would have meant a few years ago.

Far more important than the total volume of money spent is the source of the money. There are salutary laws already in existence forbidding political contributions by banks and corporations. Such prohibitions, however, are often evaded by representatives of big business concerns making contributions and calling them personal. It is more effective when the size of single contributions is restricted and the total is spread over a great number of donors.

The chairman of the Republican national committee is said to have suggested lately that not more than \$1,000 should be accepted from any individual. That would be an admirable rule for both parties to adhere to. The New Jersey Republicans are going to tie the extreme of raising a campaign fund by dollar subscriptions. That is better, still, if it proves possible to raise enough in that way. No electorate will be deceived and no gossipy individual will ever be put over on the popular campaign fund-raised in dollar rates.

More Women Immigrants

Recent statements of immigration officials present a new problem which has been brought about by after-war conditions. Sixty per cent of all the immigrants who have entered this country in recent months have been women and girls. In the last few weeks women immigrants have outnumbered the men two and sometimes three to one.

This is perhaps a normal adjustment of population. The war left Europe with far more women than men. In the United States it is probably still true that the proportion stands the other way. The European surplus of women naturally flows toward America. Moreover, it looks as if some European countries are deliberately stimulating the emigration of their women, while they keep the able-bodied men at home.

There is no particular harm in making the proportion of women to men a little more even on both sides of the Atlantic. The real problem in the recent trend of immigration lies in the fact that so many of the new-comers are industrial producers. At a time when more workers are needed on farms and in factories, mills and mines, it is disconcerting and rather alarming to have so few men entering the country. This is especially true in view of the fact that most of the emigrants from our shores are men who are leaving industrial jobs to take their small savings back to their homelands. The present supply of workers is being decreased by emigration, at the same time that immigration is failing to replenish it.

The situation emphasizes the fact that this country needs a definite policy of selective immigration, to regulate the number and type of newcomers.

Farm Bookkeeping

The department of agriculture has been offering farmers a brief course in accounting. In 15 states where the courses have actually been given it is reported that many farmers have availed themselves of it.

This is a distinct advance in farming methods. In the past, farmers have known too little about their actual profits—or losses. They have not known exactly how much it cost to raise specific crops, and have had no means of knowing whether the cash return received from the sale of those crops was at all commensurate with the price of materials and the labor put into them.

Perhaps the difficulties of figuring out income tax returns have driven farmers to this progressive step. Perhaps it is due to a growing business sense, and the fact that with increasing cost of labor and machinery the farmer realizes that he must know where he is coming out financially every year.

Whatever the cause, it is a sensible step. It should lead the farmer to see the wisdom in improving his own marketing facilities, in cooperating with fellow farmers, in running his place on a more business-like basis, in solving the problems of keeping the young people on the farm and improving the conditions of his hired help.

Houses or Autos?

We cannot have houses to live in because we must have automobiles to ride. That seems to fit the situation disclosed at a recent conference at which were represented the Building Trades Employers' League and the Metallic Lathers' Union. It was there learned that the cost of expanded metal lathing is now so high as to be almost prohibitive for use in building operations, and the cause of the high price was laid at the door of the automobile. The manufacturers of motor cars are using it in great quantities and paying excessive prices to assure themselves of a supply.

And the builders got another blow between the eyes when it was reported to the conference that plate glass is enormously advanced in price, also because automobile manufacturers are using 85 per cent, not only of the American output, but also of all that is imported. The builders and other users have to enter into keen competition for the remainder.

So here is a cause for the high price of building and the scarcity of houses which we had not known before. Shall we have a roof over our heads, or a shiver under our feet?

Irrigation is becoming a big issue again. The "wets" see a whole and country in need of reclamation.

RED CROSS DEGREE CONFERRED BY KNIGHTS

Crusade Commandery No. 17, Knights Templar, exemplified work in the red cross degree at a special meeting Thursday evening with three candidates. A number of knights were present from other places, including A. U. Marvin, M. N. Weeks, Samuel Church, O. Garrison and Clarence A. Jasperon of Grand Rapids, William Drenk of Plainfield and Wesley Irvin and Andrew C. Welch of Manawa.

THEODORE N. VAIL DEAD
Baltimore, Md., April 16.—Theodore N. Vail, former president of the American Telephone and Telegraph Company, died at Johns Hopkins hospital today. He was born in Carroll county, Ohio, in July, 1845.

STRIKE CAUSES COAL SHORTAGE

Scarcity of Fuel Reported in Stevens Point as Railroad Walk-out Halts the Shipment of Many Cars

COAL BINS ARE NEARLY EMPTY

Spring Weather Makes Situation Less Serious on Account of Decreased Consumption

The time of year and accompanying weather conditions are the only factors preventing a serious fuel situation in Stevens Point, according to a local coal dealer today, who declared that the strike in Chicago and other cities has tied up all shipments, bringing about a bigger shortage locally than at any time during the past winter.

Spring Weather Helps

If the present outlaw strike of railroad men had been inaugurated during cold weather, Stevens Point and other cities of the country would be face to face with a crisis, it was stated. Mild weather with its consequent result of lessening coal consumption, has relieved the situation materially, although there is now a pronounced shortage and dealers see no relief for at least another two weeks.

Still Using Coal

Soft coal and coke may be had in Stevens Point and also several varieties of hard coal. The biggest scarcity locally appears to be in hard coal of stove and furnace sizes. Although well along in April, the days still remain cold and fuel is still a necessity in the household and business establishment. Residents of the city are reaching the bottoms of their coal bins and have already been forced to replenish their coal supply, in many cases it being necessary for them to use substitute fuel for their favorite brand on account of the shortage.

SPARK FROM ROLLER SETS HOUSE AFIRE

That Is the Explanation of a Fire Which Damaged Residence Property in Sixth Ward

A spark from a road roller owned by the city of Stevens Point was presumably the cause of a fire at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Jerome Robinson, 213 Mary street, Saturday morning.

The roller is being used on Rice street east from Church street, in charge of Street Foreman Fred Kimball. Friday night it was left near the Robinson residence. After bring up next morning Mr. Kimball, on request of Mr. Robinson, ran it over the cinder side walk in front of the latter's house while returning to Rice street.

At about 10 o'clock Mrs. M. Liscorn, a neighbor, discovered flames in the roof of the Robinson home. She spread the alarm and another neighbor, Mrs. H. Scribner, telephoned the fire department. Both companies of the department responded and when they had reached the scene the roof of the main section of the house was covered with fire. However, chemicals thrown on the flames soon extinguished them, thus saving from damage by water portions of the house not affected by the fire. The contents had been practically all removed before the firemen arrived.

The house is a frame structure and the main part is a story and a half in height. The roof of this part was badly damaged by the flames and the ceiling of a small bedroom on the second floor was also damaged. The loss is only partly covered by insurance, which Mr. and Mrs. Robinson had been planning to increase. Mr. Robinson is an employee at the Soo line freight transfer.

Mrs. Robinson and granddaughter, Mrs. L. Warner, had been down town in their car and did not know of the fire until they were a short distance from their home, on the return trip.

MAYORALTY CONTEST IS FINALLY CLOSED

Charles Hauzel Elected Chief Executive of Antigo, Recount of Ballots in Election April 6 Shows

Antigo, April 16.—Charles Hauzel is mayor of Antigo. Hauzel gained two votes in today's recount of ballots in the contest of April 6. John Benischek, elected in the first count by two votes, died Hauzel in the official canvass. He agreed to toss a coin for the office, and lost. He then demanded a recount and lost.

TAKE RECESS IN CASE

Salt Being Tried at Oshkosh Before Judge Byron B. Park of This City Halts

Late Thursday afternoon a recess for possibly a week or more was ordered in the case of the Kleckher Box company vs. John Strange Paper company, in trial in circuit court at Oshkosh before Judge Byron B. Park of this city. The date of resumption of the trial will be determined later and in the meantime a number of depositions will be taken in Milwaukee. Judge Park, who returned to the city on Friday, stated that the trial was halted because of failure to secure the testimony of numerous Milwaukee witnesses who are railroad men and who were so tied up with their work on account of the strike that it was impossible for them to get to Oshkosh at this time.

Judge Park spent the weekend here and went to Wausau on Monday to open the regular spring term of circuit court for Waushara county. He will probably return to Oshkosh to continue the case there the first of next week.

FRANK L. KEENAN TO LEAVE THE SOO

Night Chief Resigns to Accept Business Position in Kansas City, Mo.—Family Will Leave City Soon

Frank L. Keenan, a member of the dispatching staff in the divisional office of the Soo line in this city since 1911, a dispatcher since 1915 and night chief for the past nine months, has tendered his resignation to become effective May 1, and will withdraw from railroad work to enter the business field.

Mr. Keenan and family leave Stevens Point the first of May for Kansas City, Mo., where they will make their future home. Mr. Keenan has accepted a position in that city with the International Life Insurance company. His brother, J. V. Keenan, is general agent of the company for the states of Kansas and Missouri. Mr. Keenan of this city returned recently from Kansas City, where he spent a two weeks' vacation from his railroad duties and while there was offered the position which he has decided to accept.

Mr. Keenan came to Stevens Point from Ashland in 1911. He has been in the employ of the Soo line for the past 12 years, being an operator at the time of his transfer to this city from Ashland. He won promotion to the position of dispatcher in 1915 and nine months ago was again advanced, becoming night chief, or assistant chief dispatcher.

Mrs. Keenan and their two children, Robert James and Mary Jane, will accompany Mr. Keenan to Kansas City. Their removal from the city will occasion regret among a wide circle of friends and acquaintances. The family is now residing at 727 Church street.

H. B. Brooks of this city, a dispatcher in the Soo offices, succeeds Mr. Keenan as chief dispatcher.

A farewell party was tendered on Thursday evening by Mrs. James Welch and Mrs. J. R. Ritchay at the latter's home, 300 Mill street, in honor of Mrs. Keenan. Twenty ladies were present and the evening was spent playing "500." First honors at cards were won by Mrs. H. C. Elliott and the consolation was awarded Mrs. George H. Mayer. A luncheon was served to the guests. Those present presented Mrs. Keenan with three sterling silver forks as a token of remembrance.

ALMOND HOTEL PROPRIETOR DISPOSES OF BUILDING

Bryan True, president of the village of Almond, has retired from the hotel business there. Mr. True has sold to S. E. Sanders the building in which he had conducted the Hotel Almond for several years. Mr. Sanders has in turn rented the building in sections. One part will be occupied by C. W. Davis with a barber shop, another by G. G. Lowe with a real estate office, another by Mr. and Mrs. Joe Philbrick as a flat and the balance, including part of the hotel dining room and chambers above will be taken by Mrs. C. W. Bowen and Mrs. A. W. McIntee, who will conduct a restaurant and rooming house.

STEADY IMPROVEMENT

Mrs. J. F. Stuart, who has been confined to her bed at her home since Tuesday afternoon as the result of a paralytic stroke which she experienced and which affected her entire right side, is showing improvement, although not yet out of danger. Her speech is improving and she is better able to understand those who converse with her. Continued improvement in her condition is expected unless unexpected complications arise, although Mrs. Stuart will probably be confined to her bed for a month or more.

TO VOTE ON BRIDGE BONDS

A proposition to build the city in the sum of \$300,000 for the construction of new bridges over the Wisconsin river will be submitted to the voters of Waupaca at the September primary.

JUDGMENT AWARDED IN M'DILL ACTION

Mr. and Mrs. Lee Powers as Plaintiffs Get Damages in Sum of \$85.10 in Decision of the Court

Judge W. F. Owen has rendered a decision in favor of the plaintiffs in the case of Lee Powers and Pearl Powers vs. Mrs. Kate Thomson, which was tried a few days ago and then taken under advisement by the court. Judgment for \$85.10 is awarded the plaintiffs in the decision, together with the costs of the case, which amounted to \$28.26.

The three principals in the case are all residents of McDill. According to the terms of a contract entered into, Mr. and Mrs. Powers moved into the residence of Mrs. Thomson at McDill, agreeing to provide for her during her life. In turn she was to deed them her property and they were to acquire possession of it at her death. The three lived together from April 21, 1919, to October 24, 1919, differences causing the contract to be broken. Powers and his wife then brought suit against Mrs. Thomson, claiming damages of \$220 as the result of the alleged breach of contract.

In the decision the court held that Mrs. Thomson should be charged with such expenses as are the fair outgrowth of the failure of the contract and should be credited with a fair rental value and the value of the supplies left in the premises and used by the plaintiffs. The court held that Mrs. Thomson should be charged with \$189.50, which included repair of chimney, platform and roof, papering, painting, moving, board and clever seed, and that she should be credited with rent of the house in the sum of \$72, rent of land in the sum of \$12.40, making a total of \$104.40 to be deducted as an offset. This left a balance due to the plaintiffs of \$85.10.

BEAD LAKE COMPANY STRIKES ORE LEDGE

Concern in Which Stevens Pointers Are Interested Gives Promise of Proving Up After Long Delay

Promise that the Bead Lake Gold-Copper Mining company, in which a number of present and former residents of Stevens Point are financially interested, will at last "prove up" is given by reports of the company's operations at its mine near Newport, Wash. The company has struck a new ore body, according to the Newport Miner, which, in its issue of April 8, gave the following account of the progress made:

"Miners working for the Bead Lake Gold-Copper Mining company yesterday broke into the ore body in the tunnel the company has been running from the east side of the mountain. The ledge was struck at a distance of 148 feet from the portal of the tunnel and very close to the point where the engineers said it would be encountered.

"The ore struck carried good values in lead and copper. The size of the ledge has not been determined as it was broken into only yesterday. The work of following the ledge will now be continued to develop the ore body.

"Striking the ledge from the east conclusively proves the existence of a large body of ore on the Comstock claims. Four tunnels from the west and a shaft about 150 feet deep are all in good shape, surface workings at the top disclose ore and now the strike in the tunnel from the east side of the mountain, a distance of 600 to 700 feet from the farthest in point of the tunnels from the west, proves the pro-

perty to contain an immense ore body. Work on the building of the concentrator, and transmission line will be rushed and the mill should be in operation within a few months.

"At the recent annual meeting of the stockholders of the company, held in Spokane, all of the old directors were re-elected. The directors include W. E. Allen, George C. Geisler and Charles H. Curtis, formerly of Stevens Point. Mr. Geisler was re-elected president. Mr. Allen secretary and treasurer and Mr. Curtis superintendent.

"A Word to the Wise" says the Good Judge

You want real chewing satisfaction.

A little of the Real Tobacco Chew lasts so much longer than the old kind.

You don't need a fresh chew nearly as often—so it costs no more to chew this class of tobacco.

Any man who uses the Real Tobacco Chew will tell you that.

Put Up In Two Styles

RIGHT CUT is a short-cut tobacco

W-B CUT

Society and Women's News

Rural Day was observed by the Woman's club at the regular meeting held Saturday afternoon, and an unusually interesting program rendered by 20 pupils from the Pulaski school at Jordan, the Glinski school and the Casimir school.

The opening number was a "History of Jordan," by Anna Brychel, followed by a dramatization of "Franklin and the Whistle," by Frank Marchel, Peter Brychel, Edmund Wiesbrod, Chester Wiesbrod and Anna Mae Van Order.

The program given by the pupils of the Glinski school was as follows:

"Town Meeting," Benjie Blavat.
Vocal solo, "The Boy with the Hoe," Willie Greek.

Songs and language selections, Second grade pupils.

Recitation—"Wisconsin, Land of Beauty," Second and Fourth grade girls.

The Casimir school was represented by Willie Futta who gave a recitation, "A Happy Farmer Lad."

Each number was received with enthusiastic applause, and in some cases encores were rendered.

The children were accompanied by their teachers, the Misses Mary Matefsky, Alice Gordon and Theresa Rybicki.

Miss Alice Johnson rendered a piano solo and responded to an encore.

A paper on the subject, "The Rural Planning Committee," was read by Mrs. A. F. Een of Amherst and was so interesting and of such vital interest to all residents of Portage county that it was deemed advisable to have it printed in full and will be published in a later issue.

The program closed with a brief but interesting talk by County Supt. L. A. Gordon on the work of the schools in the county.

At this meeting delegates were elected to the general federation meeting to be held at Des Moines, Iowa, in June. Miss Bessie Allen, whose home is in Iowa, was elected delegate and Mrs. M. D. Vinkle alternate.

The usual social hour followed adjournment, and through the kindness of Mrs. J. E. Delzell, president, the children were served ice-cream cones.

Mrs. Minnie Bibby, Mrs. Russell Kinney and Mrs. George McDonald entertained the parent-teachers' club of the Jackson school Thursday afternoon at a miscellaneous shower in honor of Miss Florence Bourne, who is to be a June bride. The bride-to-be received many beautiful and useful gifts.

One of the features of the entertainment was a mock wedding, Miss Bourne being the bride and Charles McDonald the groom. The attendants, pupils of Miss Bourne, carried bouquets of pussy willows. The procession marched in to the accompaniment of Lohengrin's wedding march. After the mock wedding Mrs. Bibby sang "Love You Truly" and "A Perfect Day." The table on which the gifts were arranged was trimmed in pink and white, with a large white bell above.

The following ladies were present: Mesdames Schroeder, Babashinski, R. Peterson, M. Burke, F. Cook, J. Rowe, Kalke, A. A. Miller, Ben Diver, Kekaski, Simonton, L. Rowe, Johnson, Fisher, Flagg, F. Maddy, J. A. Kinney, Bibble, Sustins and Bourne, and the Misses Katherine O'Connor, Alta Turta, Helen Anderson, Mercedes McDonald, Viola Miller and Ruby Footit.

A delicious luncheon was served, consisting of sandwiches, fruit salad, cheese, cake and coffee. The main feature of the luncheon was a large bridal cake.

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The marriage of Miss Olga Heehn, daughter of Mrs. John Brady of Eagle River, Wis., and William Van Order, son of Mrs. Arthur Van Order of this city, occurred at the home of Rev. R. J. McLandress at 3:30 o'clock Thursday afternoon, Rev. Mr. McLandress performing the ceremony. The single ring service was used.

The bride's gown was of blue mess-line and she carried a shower bouquet of roses. The couple was attended by Miss Evelyn Strong and William Rand, friends of the young people. A wedding dinner was served at the home of the groom's mother at 516 Illinois avenue Thursday evening, attended by a few relatives and friends of the couple.

Mr. and Mrs. Van Order will remain in the city for the time being and expect to take a motor trip to Eagle River this spring. Mr. Van Order has been employed at the Van Order mill in the town of Hull. His bride is a graduate of the Eagle River High school and taught prior to a few weeks ago in the public schools of Arbor Vitae, Wis.

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Little George Van Rooy, son of Mr. and Mrs. James A. Van Rooy, was three years old Saturday and that afternoon 20 of his boy and girl friends helped him celebrate the event at the Van Rooy home, 621 Main street. Games were played and refreshments served and the little folks had a jolly time.

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ALLEGED STOLEN CARS ARE SEIZED

Three Automobiles Which Stevens Point Man Purchased and Drove Here Are Taken by Chicago Men

WERE VALUABLE MACHINES

One of the Cars Had Been Re-sold—All Are Driven Back to Chicago Friday

Two representatives from Chicago headquarters of the Automobile Protective & Information Bureau seized three valuable second hand cars in Stevens Point Thursday on the grounds that they were stolen property. Two machines were in the possession of Hyuan Fischer and the third one was secured from Ray F. Wood.

Mr. Fischer, who has been dealing in cars in this city, purchased all three automobiles in Chicago last fall, driving them to this city shortly afterwards. He declares that he bought them in good faith. One car was sold by him to Ray F. Wood.

One machine, a Cadillac Victoria, was purchased at a cost of \$3,000, Mr. Fischer told the Chicago men, and the other two, both Marmons, were purchased at \$2,000 each. The deals were completed with cash payments in each case, it is said.

Evidence Is Presented

Representatives from the automobile protective bureau who seized the cars presented evidence tending to show that all three machines had been stolen in Chicago, it is said. Numbers and other identification marks recorded before the alleged thefts were committed corresponded with the numbers and identification marks on the machines picked up here, according to the Chicago men. They were assisted here in their work by Sheriff W. I. Barber.

Wood, who purchased one of the two Marmons from Fischer last fall, was reimbursed by Fischer Thursday evening, the latter making good the amount paid over and returning notes drawn to cover the balance. The Cadillac was taken from the garage of G. W. Andrae on Clark street, Mr. Andrae having considered purchasing it prior to the time the three cars were seized. The third car was still being held by Fischer when it was seized.

Driven to Chicago

The three automobiles were driven to Chicago Friday by the two representatives of the Chicago company and by Arthur Beijer of this city. The men left Stevens Point at an early hour and expected to arrive in Chicago this evening, where they will turn the cars over to the headquarters of the Automobile Protective & Information Bureau, which concern carried insurance on them.

The original value of the Cadillac Victoria is placed at \$4,500 and of the Marmons, \$3,600 each.

JURORS DRAWN FOR MAY COURT TERM

Thirty-six Men Selected, Including Nine From Stevens Point

Circuit Court Opens on Monday, May 3

Thirty-six jurors have been drawn for the May term of circuit court, which opens at the court house before Judge Byron B. Park on Monday, May 3. Nine of the men are residents of Stevens Point, the rest being drawn from Portage county outside the city. Following is the jury list as compiled by H. H. Beggs of Nelsonville, S. H. Vorzalla of this city and N. J. Lobrig of Nelsonville, jury commissioners:

Ed Isherwood, Plover.

Art Shaffern, Buena Vista.

Richard Breitenstein, Stockton.

Henry Lutz, Plover.

Oscar Loberg, Nelsonville.

John Hilgers, Carson.

Theodore Dimka, East Pleine.

John Kaczmarek, Stevens Point.

Peter Gullickson, Rosht.

Walter Welch, Stockton.

J. C. Cadman, Stevens Point.

Wlad Ruttu, Hull.

Frank Glennon, Stevens Point.

J. J. Normington, Stevens Point.

W. C. Eckles, Buena Vista.

Tom Olson, Alban.

N. H. Beggs, Pine Grove.

Anton Brychell, Hull.

P. E. Webster, Almond.

Ed Liteski, Stevens Point.

Morris Johnson, Lamark.

Edwin Wrolstad, New Hope.

Henry Kelp, Stevens Point.

J. R. McKinlay, Stevens Point.

Nick J. Knope, Stevens Point.

Stanley Cleaveland, New Hope.

Melvin Rusdad, New Hope.

Steven King, Hull.

Louis Williams, Amherst.

William McAloon, Carson.

Henry Elach, Stevens Point.

Savin Loberg, Amherst.

Albert Pierce, Carson.

Joseph Malick, East Pleine.

C. W. Winkeler, Plover.

Anthony Yarnick, Belmont.

CLAIM SUPERVISORS ARE PAID TOO LOW

Resolution Drawn Up at Oconto Gathering Requesting Governor Phillips to Authorize Change in Salary Schedule

At a recent gathering of county superintendents and supervising teachers held at Oconto, a resolution was passed appealing to the governor of the state to embody in a call for a special session of the legislature a request for a change in the salary limitations now provided for supervising teachers, by raising the present minimum to \$1,200 and maximum to \$2,000 per year.

A study of the conditions in many localities brought out the fact that many teachers in ordinary rural schools are now receiving salaries far in excess of the sum that has been provided for supervisors. It was brought out that it is impossible for supervisors to have the respect of teachers and fellow workers when the supervisory position, by reason of the compensation, is less desirable than the position of these supervised.

The failure to remedy the condition complained of will be marked by the resignations of so many trained supervisors that irreparable loss in efficiency will result, it was pointed out.

In normal times such losses could be balanced, but with the unusual number of unprepared and immature student teachers now in the schools of the state, or available for service next year, it is necessary that the supervisory force be kept at a high degree of efficiency, those assembled declared.

Portage county's two supervising teachers, Miss Core Doxrud and Miss Mary Rychwalski, are now receiving \$100 per month for 10 months each year, and traveling expenses while in the country.

PROTECTION OF GAME SUBJECT OF HEARING

Wisconsin Conservation Commission Investigating Need of Closed Season on Deer, Muskrat and Mink

Manitowoc, Wis., April 17—Public hearings on the proposed new law closing the season for deer, muskrat and mink in the state opened here today before the state conservation commission, members of which fear the extinction of these animals under present hunting laws. A closed season for a number of years is contemplated.

It was argued that thousands of deer are slaughtered annually and left in the woods. Muskrat hides are bringing from \$4 to \$5 each and as a consequence trappers ruin muskrat houses, destroying animals needlessly. The same argument applies to the mink.

SAVE SEED POTATOES MARKET BODY WARNS

Farmers Cautioned Against Temptation of High Prices by State Commission—Some Counties Are Already Short

Madison, April 17—Don't sell your seed potatoes!

This is the warning being hurriedly sent out by the Division of Markets today. "Reports are reaching this office," said W. P. Jones, in charge of fruits and vegetables, "that a number of sections in the state are selling themselves short of seed potatoes.

The amount of potatoes left in the state is below normal, in fact it is almost impossible to secure any seed stock and cattle stock has dozen buyers for every car offered.

We wish to warn the growers not to sell themselves short on account of the high prices offered so that when seeding time comes they may find themselves without seed and impossible to secure same."

"We wish every county agent would make a survey of his county and find out if there is seed stock enough to supply the needs and in case there is any surplus please notify the Division of Markets, giving amount, variety and price as there are many counties that are short. Please report as soon as possible."

FORMER STEVENS POINTER COACHES BASKETBALL CHAMPS

Charles T. Burns, a former Stevens Point young man, is now teaching at Gary, Ind. Mr. Burns, who was prominent in athletics at the Stevens Point State Normal, coached the basketball team at Gary which won the night school championship. Eight teams were entered. Mr. Burns' team, despite the fact that its members were all new at the game, won the tournament handily. Mr. Burns' mother, Mrs. J. E. Burns, is also living at Gary, as is also his sister, Miss Elizabeth Burns, who is teaching there.

CHILD HAS OPERATION

Stuart Allen, 4 year old son of Chester J. Allen, was operated upon Thursday for appendicitis at St. Michael's hospital. The boy's condition is reported favorable.

MILK BOTTLES MUST BE FILLED TO TOP

Prosecution Will Follow If Short Measure is Given, State Department Warns After Madison Investigation

The weights and measure division of the Wisconsin dairy and food commission has just issued a letter which will be of interest to all consumers of milk. It reads:

"We have recently concluded an investigation in Madison as to the filling of milk and cream bottles. Our investigation showed many bottles were slack-filled, the level of the liquid being from one-half to seven-eights inch below the cap seat. It is probable that this condition is general throughout the state.

"Our investigation revealed the fact that the filling machines in general are capable of being adjusted and used so that the bottles can be uniformly well filled, and that shortages such as are mentioned above are the result either of gross carelessness on the part of the operator or are caused by the filling machine being out of adjustment.

"The department has taken the position that milk and cream bottles must be so filled that the average level of the liquid is not more than one-eighth inch below cap seat and that the maximum allowable error in individual bottles is one-fourth inch. On this basis two prosecutions were made in Madison and the resulting publicity has cleared up the entire situation there, at least for the time being."

FARMERS NOT PROFITEERS SAYS UNIVERSITY MAN

Tillers of Soil Are Not Price Fixers, According to Well Known Economist

There is no foundation for the remark heard very often lately that the farmer is a profiteer," says R. H. Hibbard of the agricultural economics department of the University of Wisconsin.

"The accusation that the farmer is a profiteer is set forth chiefly by city people who are not familiar with the conditions. City people see only the high prices that they themselves pay, and mistakenly think that the farmer is paid accordingly. The farmer takes what market affords for his produce; he does not fix the price in any arbitrary way," says Mr. Hibbard.

"Although farmers are commencing to band themselves together for the purpose of influencing prices, their attempts are as a rule not very effective. City people see only the high prices that they themselves pay, and mistakenly think that the farmer is paid accordingly. The farmer takes what market affords for his produce; he does not fix the price in any arbitrary way," says Mr. Hibbard.

"Figures do show that the farmer has received a slight percentage of increase in profits recently. While he is paying 90 per cent more for what he buys, he is receiving 104 per cent more for what he sells. These figures are compared with pre-war statistics.

"This 14 per cent increase in profit, while important is disappointing," declares Mr. Hibbard. "The probability is that within a few months the case will be reversed and the purchases including labor, will come at a higher rate than the sales."

Mr. Hibbard states that while it is very difficult to give actual proof that any one is or is not a profiteer, a careful study of conditions will clearly show that the farmer is far from it.

PLAINFIELD MERCHANT TO MOVE TO HANCOCK

M. S. Walker, one of Plainfield's merchants for many years and well known in this city, will move to Hancock soon to become actively engaged in the banking business there. He has been president of the Bank of Hancock for some time. He will retain his interest in the Plainfield store, which will be in charge of H. J. Gwin, who has been conducting a store in partnership with Mr. Walker at Weyauwega for a number of years past.

LANARK FARM IS SOLD

Claude and Robert Lundgren of the town of Lanark have sold their farm, formerly the Thomas Padden place, to Frank Tetzlaff of the town of Dewey, taking as part payment Mr. Tetzlaff's farm in Dewey. The purchase price of the Lundgren farm, without personal property, was \$16,000. The Tetzlaff property of 120 acres has an estimated value of \$6,000.

UNDERGOES OPERATION AFTER SUDDEN ATTACK

Miss Carolyn Larsen, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John A. Larson, 110 Lincoln avenue, was taken suddenly ill on Friday, and grew worse during the night, being removed to St. Michael's hospital early Friday morning, where she was operated upon for appendicitis.

MOOSE INITIATE CLASS

Stevens Point Lodge No. 1572, Loyal Order of Moose, added 18 new names to its membership roll at a meeting Friday evening. Nearly a hundred members were present at the initiation ceremonies.

FINANCE PARTY ON NEW PLAN

Republican National Committee to Do Away with Old Idea of Big Gifts from a Few and Wants Little from Many

PORTEAGE COUNTY ASKED TO AID

Purpose is Not Only to Elect a Republican President but to Create Sentiment

To a republican conference at the Public library Thursday night A. E. Redfield, republican county chairman, W. E. Fisher, E. B. Robertson and W. E. Atwell brought a message from the republican national committee containing an outline of a new plan of financing the campaign this year and a program for putting more democracy into the party organization and control.

The persons mentioned attended a meeting at Fond du Lac to which the new plan was explained by Governor Dawe, representing Chairman Will Hays of the national committee. The library meeting was not an official gathering. It was called hastily by telephone to get the national committee thought before the people as quickly as possible, and it will be followed by a larger meeting representing the whole county as soon as Chairman Redfield can arrange for it. It is the purpose to have a meeting to be attended by the county committeemen and several others from each community.

The national committee plans to do two big things in which it is asking help, Mr. Fisher, acting for the delegation which went to Fond du Lac, explained. The purposes are:

1.—To raise a campaign fund by small contributions and thus to do away with the charge that campaign funds are furnished by wealthy interests which in turn ask favors in legislation.

2.—To use the fund largely for creating a public sentiment which will back up a new national republican administration, if entrusted with power, in a constructive program for the next four years.

Portage county is asked to raise its share of the campaign fund. The quota will be between \$2,500 and \$4,000. To get it a committee on ways and means will be appointed and it will conduct among republicans a drive for funds on the order of the war drives. Every republican interested in the success of his party will be asked to give something. A small contribution will make him in effect a stockholder in the party and increase his interest in its success. If everybody gives a little, no big interest will be in position to claim that its donation was vital and demand payment for it in special favors.

The national committee, while it believes there is at present the brightest prospect for the election of a republican president, fears that in the present disturbed state of public sentiment victory at the polls might be a liability rather than an asset.

If the republicans name the next president, and he fails to solve present day problems, the party will lose in the campaign following. The fund this year is, therefore, to be used largely in a campaign of information. It is desired to create public sentiment favored to a forward, constructive, American program for the next four years. Chairman Hays finds it necessary, first, to beat the democrats at the polls, then to unite the country in a statesmanlike program.

The underlying purpose, Mr. Fisher said, "is to put more democracy into the republican party, to make it a people's party in its ownership and control." With the people financing the campaign and making an intelligent interest, there need be no fear that the party policy will not be a people's policy.

The advice was discussed by George B. Nelson, Dr. E. H. Rogers, Dr. F. A. Walters, J. W. Dunigan and others and was unanimously commended. Dr. Walters said that the collection of funds should be under the control of the county committee, and that was agreed to. Chairman Redfield said the committee would welcome the appointment of a special finance committee to relieve it of that part of the work. A finance chairman will be selected by Mr. Redfield and his associates in a few days.

It was made plain that there are no factional lines in the drive for campaign funds. The money is not to be used except under the direction of the national committee, and expenditure will be solely directed toward the election of the republican nominees for president and creation of public sentiment to back him up in carrying out the platform to be adopted at the Chicago convention in June.

It is expected that the drive will be made within the next few weeks.

How far the campaign is to be conducted above mere partisanship was illustrated by the remark of one of the speakers at the Thursday night meeting: "If we lose the election after we raise this fund, then it would be a good idea to turn it over to the democrats to help them create public sentiment for a constructive program."

VETERAN SALESMAN SUFFERS A STROKE

Joseph F. Koschitzk, 80 years at the Post office Wednesday and Has Since Been Confined

From Friday's Daily.

Joseph F. Koschitzk is critically ill at his home, 602 Briggs street, as the result of a paralytic stroke which he experienced on Wednesday noon, and which affected his entire left side.

Mr. Koschitzk was stricken while on the post office steps but was able to walk slowly